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New development for the city but there's sadness over look of village

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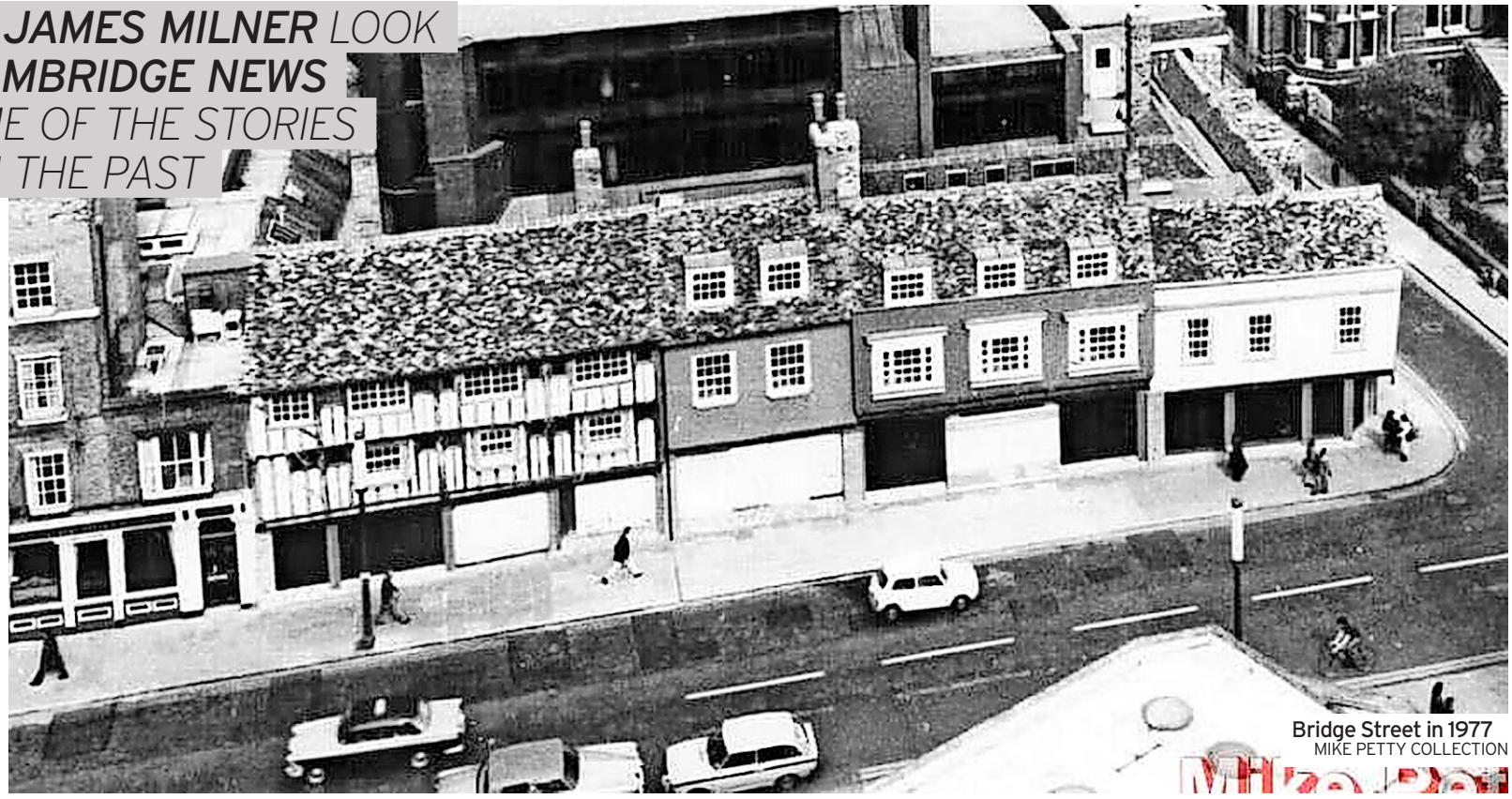

Bridge Street in 1977
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Redevelopment 'an inspiration' – 1977

THE new Bridge House office block and restored 16th-century buildings in Bridge Street, Cambridge, are a landmark and inspiration, said the Mayor, Coun Bob May, when he opened the £1.3million redevelopment.

"If only the architects had been involved at Lion Yard then things might have turned out differently there", he said.

He praised the skill with which the historic and environmentally important site had been handled by the Scottish Mutual Assurance Society and its architects, Saunders Boston of Cambridge.

It was an outstanding example of how a new building could be fitted into an old environment and how old buildings could be preserved.

Sadness over decaying state of village – 1976

A VISITOR to the ancient village of Papworth St Agnes was appalled at what she saw.

The cottages and old Manor House were falling down.

"It did seem very sad that the whole village was decaying", the lady had said.

Seven years ago, there was planning permission for eight new houses. Only two were built before the contractors went out of business.

Further development has been held up by the lack of a proper sewerage system. But now development is on again.

A number of the rundown cottages have gone to private individuals who are doing them up and one farmhouse looks very smart.

Start of the brewing process – 1962

THE massive square building of the Cambridge Maltings on Newmarket Road is where barley is converted into malt for malted food and beverages but mainly for brewing into light ale.

The loading room holds row upon row of sacks bulging with fat, glossy barley grains which have to be dried in a huge perforated drum.

The drum is carried to bins where it is rested for six weeks and then conveyed to the square brick tower which rises higher than the main malt-house roof.

When the process is complete it is hauled by electric elevators on to lorries to be taken to the leading breweries.

A visitor was lamenting about the condition of Papworth St Agnes in 1976

Cambridge Maltings photographed in 1928

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